



# St Aidan's Catholic Primary School

Living and Growing in Christ

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## Reception Curriculum Letter

Dear Parents,

Happy New Year to you all and welcome back to school. I would like to thank everyone for your kind thoughts and generous Christmas presents.

This letter is to keep you updated with developments in the Early Years' Curriculum.

We continue to follow a cross curricular approach to learning. Our main topic for this half term is Fairy Tales.

In Literacy we will be focussing on writing letters, lists, instructions and invitations. The children are progressing well with the Oxford Reading Tree scheme and your help and cooperation in supporting reading at home is invaluable.

The focus of our R.E topic is "Celebrating". The children will explore and learn about celebrations within the family and the church. Following this we will be thinking about "Gathering" and looking at how we gather together to celebrate Mass. During the Spring months we will be learning about "Growing" and focus on how we can grow to be more like Jesus during our daily lives. We will also be learning about a number of alternative religions during our World Religion Day.

In Numeracy we will be concentrating on basic number work: We will focus on counting beyond 20 and practise counting both forwards and backwards. We will be learning all number bonds to 5 and begin to write formal addition and subtraction number sentences. The children will become familiar with the terms greater than, less than and the same as. They will also be learning how to double numbers. Alongside this we will be covering 3D shape and the language of measuring including length, capacity and weight.

All other early learning goals specific to Understanding of the World, Physical Development, Expressive Arts and Design and Personal, Social and Emotional Development will be covered alongside the areas mentioned above.

If you have any concerns, please feel free to come and talk to us.

Yours faithfully,

Mrs Gray, Mrs Charlesworth and Mrs Tucker

